

REMARKS

Claims 2-3, 5-7, 9-13, 15, and 17 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 4 and 25 are cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of their subject matter, and claim 2 is amended to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 25. These amendments put the claims in condition for allowance and should be entered. The amendments do not raise issues requiring further research and/or consideration since the Office Action already indicates that these claims would be allowable if amended as they are presently presented.

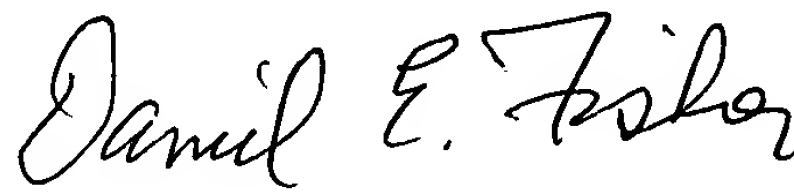
The Office Action rejects claims 4 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Boyd et al. (US 6166831). Applicant has canceled claims 4 and 25; however, in view of the Examiner's rejections, applicant retains the right to present claims 4 and 25 in a continuation application.

The Office Action objected to claims 2-3 and 5 as being dependent upon rejected base claim 25, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of claim 25 and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 2 to include all of the limitations of rejected base claim 25. Claims 3 and 5 depend from claim 2 and are now also in allowable form.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any deficiency in fees due caused by this amendment to Deposit Account No. 04-1425.

In view of the present amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Prompt allowance is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any further action is needed to place the application in condition for allowance, he is invited to contact the under subscribed representative at the telephone number noted.

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